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CLARKSBURG'S MAGNIFICENT ANNUAL EXHIBITION IN FULL BLAST!

Yearly Meeting of the West Virginia Central Agricultural & Mechanical Society Begins Under Auspicious Circumstances.

Exhibits Most Numerous and Finest in the History of the Society, Especially in the Live Stock Departments—Cattle Attract Much Attention.

Special Attractions are Clean From Standpoint of Morality—Midway Presents a Striking Panorama—Races are Thrilling and Exciting—Attendance is Large.

Wednesday's meeting of the West Virginia Central Agricultural and Mechanical society was attended by about 5,000 people. The program of the day was interesting and entertaining and the races good.

The marshals and the judges were busy the fore part of the day making awards in the various departments, and the visitors amused themselves by taking in the special attraction and inspecting the exhibits.

Grounds in Fine Shape.

The grounds are in excellent shape, the grass having been mown only a few weeks ago, and the growth being just high enough to make a soft and easy surface. Studded with numerous stands and amusements, every point is of especial interest and the scene is quite picturesque, worthy of the artist's brush and the poet's pen. The park is very attractive for dinner parties and quite alluring as a lover's retreat. As a carriage promenade, the quarter stretch might be likened unto a famous mall, if the shade trees were not lacking, the surface is so smooth and the level so perfect. The driveway in various sections of the grounds are in good condition, smooth and dry. Cleanliness pervades the very air and there is a purity throughout that elevates one's thoughts and enraptures the soul.

Track Well Prepared.

Though only a one-third of a mile track, and a pity it is that it is so small and not the regulation size, it has been carefully rolled, ditched, drained and filled, with a view to the best condition possible and the officers in this direction have made it satisfactory to the horsemen and all others interested in the turf. With a track in as good condition as it is, some very good races can be pulled off. None need feel ashamed of the track, though it is small. Some famous races have been pulled off on it and many more will be.

Dining Room in Good Hands.

The Ladies of the United Brethren church at Adamston are noted for their generous hospitality and none are better versed or more practical in culinary art. Under their management the dining room will serve meals and refreshments good enough for the most exacting epicure, and none need go hungry.

Special Attractions Clean.

There are many special attractions this year, as can be seen by the numerous tents on that section of the grounds allotted for the purpose. They are all clean and wholesome from a moral point of view.

First may be seen on the midway Lap-ports, half-human and half animal, captured in a den of poisonous snakes, or at least so advertised.

Then one finds two or three cane racks, doing a land-office business, for every one feels that he ought to sport a cane on occasions of this sort.

Next is seen the baby game, and all one has to do is to throw straight and hard, or shoot to the mark, and get the cigars. There are four or five of these attractions.

Under a big canvas may be seen a vaudeville show by the Limmer Brothers. Some who have been there say it is all right. Although the seats took a tumble today afternoon, the patronage was so weighty.

Then are the ball babies on boards, which are made to turn around, if the ball is thrown right, and there the cigars come again.

Lon Eadie, the mind reader, is on hand and every one wants to know just what is on his mind and whether it is a blank, and they go there. She does the rest.

The merry-go-round is there in all its

glory, and so are the children, as well as many adults. The ponies must be ridden, and it is nice to get a chariot ride, like the people of olden time. The merry-go-round does business.

"Get your face on a button" is a common placard all along the midway. That means one can drop in a photograph gallery and get his likeness while he waits. There are several galleries.

Near the dining hall is Madam Rozita, palmist, installed in attractive quarters. She reads the lines of young and old and tells them their fortunes. Another palmist is Madam Warder. Both are said to be clever.

Floral Hall a Striking Panorama.

A beautiful and striking panorama greets the eye in Floral Hall. The exhibits and decorations are arranged in an artistic manner and the whole is a veritable bower of beauty. This department is under the supervision of Chief Marshal D. W. Boughner, and he is assisted by Miss Minnie Powers, Miss Etta McKeehan, Miss Minnie Hugill, Mrs. D. W. Boughner and Miss Bessie Goodwin.

The exhibits in Floral hall comprise the entries contained in entry books 1 to 20 inclusive.

The grain exhibit is unusually fine. Entries for all of the premiums offered excepting one—best bushel of clover seed grown in the state—have been made. The corn exhibits are good, some of the ears being over a foot in length.

The vegetables are exhibited in the west wing of the hall. They comprise beets, beans, cabbage, potatoes, squashes, tomatoes, celery, radishes, etc., and the exhibits represent the finest garden truck grown in Harrison county.

The exhibits in butter, cheese, honey, bread, etc., are many and excellent. These exhibits show that the housewife is par excellence in preparing and making table necessities. This is also demonstrated in the exhibits of canned fruits, vegetables, jellies, etc. The preserves, fruits, dried fruits, vegetables in this line are on exhibition in the east wing of the hall.

The floral display, situated in the south wing of the hall is grand. Entries in nearly all of the classes have been made. The principal exhibitors are Mrs. G. C. Southern, I. M. Kelley and Sidney Haymond.

Many entries have been made in painting, sculpture and bric-a-brac. The whole list in the entry book is represented and the exhibits are works of art.

The ornamental needle-work display takes up the north wing of the hall. The exhibits in this class are varied and include nearly every creation of the housewife's handiwork in sewing. The premiums offered are many, there being three entry books devoted to the premiums offered.

The children's department is located between the east and north wings of the building. The exhibits are unusually fine. Boys and girls have entered their exhibits for nearly every premium offered in this department. Some of the work shows exceptional talent in the young exhibitors, most of them being young children.

The annual display in household manufactures attracts attention. It is of the former high quality and is an exhibition of the skill of the many ladies in the city and county, who pride themselves in making the fair in this way, an assistance that is appreciated by both the management of the fair and the thousands of guests who behold the display with admiration.

One wing is entirely taken up by the magnificent display of the Thompson Music company. It consists of pianos, organs, phonographs, mandolins, guitars,

etc. The music furnished by this company is always a delightful feature of the fair and the great exposition would not be complete without it.

The Watts-Lambert company has, in the east wing, a display of various curtains, lace curtains, and so on, presenting a rich and magnificent appearance and lending a pleasing effect to the hall. This is an exhibit for which there is no premium offered and the company is to be commended for voluntarily going to the trouble to place such a grand exhibit in the hall and for giving a finishing touch that has so much to do with its charming appearance.

Cunningham Brothers were not forgetful of the big show, and they have a large case of boots and shoes, which is supposed to belong to Mechanical hall, but which, on account of the character, as well as the fact that that hall is over-run with exhibits, is placed in floral hall. It is stationed in the left wing on the south side and adds to the completeness of the hall.

Finest Display of Cattle.

The cattle department this year is the finest ever seen in this section of the state, and is attracting much attention not only among the farmers, but every one else also.

John McDougall, of Pennsboro, has a herd of sixteen Aberdeen Angus, as fine specimens as are to be seen anywhere. John D. Pickett, of Quiet Dell, has 12 head of the same kind of cattle which are just as fine. In addition to these, W. L. Morrison, of Volga, Barbour county, has 6 cattle under this class on exhibition. They are of the same high quality as the others.

William M. Jarvis, of Sycamore Dale, is exhibiting 26 short-horn Durhams, which are the most select of his stock farm. Also in this class, Hiram Post, of Sycamore Dale, has 15 head of "me fine specimens as the most up-to-date drover or cattle raiser could wish to see.

Two herds of Herefords are prominent for quality and weight in the department. Greene Brothers, of Jackson county, have a dozen head, which are pronounced the best that ever came to Harrison county. L. D. Bond, of Upshur county, also has a herd of fine animals in this class.

There is a scarcity of Holsteins, Jerseys and Alderneys, but very few of these being on exhibition. The usual droves of Holsteins exhibited by L. H. and J. H. Mines are missing.

The cattle department as a whole is a gratifying success, and the marshals and exhibitors are proud of it.

Some Big Hogs.

The hog pens are well filled with Berkshire, Poland China, Chester White and other breeds. Among the exhibitors are M. A. Titchener, Lafayette Blake and John Wilson, of Pennsboro.

Fine Specimens of Sheep.

The sheep pens are all filled and some of the hog pens had to be used for that department. The exhibits are fine specimens, and, perhaps, the best in the history of the fair. Among the classes are Middle Wool, Long Wool, Shropshire, Southdown and other kinds.

Poultry Exhibits Complete.

The poultry house is not the least attraction. There are a great many lovers of fowls, and the display is simply sufficient to satisfy them. Nearly all the coops are filled with chickens, turkeys, ducks and pigeons.

Some of the classes are light brahmas, cochins, plymouth rocks, buff leg horn, bronze turkey, black minorcas, white wyandotte, bantam and buff orpington.

Machinery Hall Full.

Machinery hall is always an attractive place and as a usual thing it is always full of exhibits. This year it is better than ever and the scene is one to be not only admired, but adored, by all whose minds are bent in that direction. The hall is over-run and some are placed in floral hall, because of necessity.

The Palace Furniture company has a parlor modernly furnished with an exhibit of their stock. The arrangement is perfect and many look upon the scene with infinite delight. On the opposite side of the hallway, the Home Furnishing company handsomely shows how it furnishes a home complete. The exhibition is handsome and complete.

The James Shephard company, stationers and book sellers in the Waldo hotel building, have a section, which for beauty and art can not be excelled anywhere or by any firm or person. It is a complete display of their stock of goods and is a splendid advertisement for them, as well as a great help to the fair.

Tate & McCune, plumbers, occupy two spaces of the east wing on either side of the entrance, with a fine display of a bath-room outfit and a Roud instantaneous heater, with a capacity of three gallons.

T. H. Thompson, agent for the Globe Kitchen company, has a complete kitchen outfit on exhibition in the south wing. W. L. Cole, the hardware man, has a washing machine, a large cooking stove, a cylinder churn and other hardware articles on exhibition.

E. S. D. Reynolds of the Clarksburg Harness & Saddle company, has a large and handsome display of saddles, harness, bridles, whips, leathers and other articles in his line, a display so artistically arranged that every one who passes that way stops and looks at it well and long.

Williams & Davison company, wholesale hardware, are there, as usual, with their large display of stove ranges, mantles and other articles. This display is so clever that every one talks about it with admiration.

The Thompson Music company's sewing machines fill up another section and all who are interested along that line have the opportunity and take advantage of it to learn all about the machines, prices, etc.

There are a number of other exhibitors, whose displays are of the most excellent character and which go to make up the completeness of the whole.

Concert Band Furnishes Music.

The Clarksburg Opera House band is on hand and is playing its best music for the visitors. The band went out at 9 o'clock and remained until dinner time and after the noon hour went back to the grounds and played during the afternoon. This band, which is the official fair band, will be assisted Thursday and Friday by the First Regiment band, of Shilston.

The Races Exciting.

The races Wednesday afternoon were of an exciting nature and were as follows, up to 4 o'clock, press hour:

2:20 Mixed—1 2 3 4
Walter D. (Welch) 2 1 1 4
Jacob Hornor (Jamison) 3 4 3 1
George B. (Cork & Sommers) 1 2 2 3
Yara (Martin) 4 3 4 2

Another heat is yet to be run to decide the race.

Time thus far: 2:22½, 2:21½, 2:23 and 2:22.

Free for All Mixed—1 2 3
Manbrino Field (C. & S.) 1 1 1
Alcatraz (Gore) 3 3 3
Idemont (Bennett) 2 2 2
Manbrino Field won the race. Idemont got second money, and Alcatraz third.

Time: 2:20½, 2:22 and 2:22½.

The two-thirds mile run closes the races for the day.

Balloon Ascension.

At 3:40 o'clock in the afternoon Madam Belmonte made a successful balloon ascension. The balloon went up 500 feet and fell in the river. She landed on the south outer track of the grounds unhurt. The ascension attracted the attention of the entire crowd and was much appreciated.

SALEM SPEAKEASIES ALL CLOSED

Constable Sutton Makes the Rounds and Notifies Them to Shut Up Shop and Stay Closed.

Constable J. E. Sutton, of Salem, a night or so ago made the rounds of the speakeasies in that town. He found Dudley's, Galt's, Duff's and Davis' places open and in full blast. Mr. Sutton was easy on them. All he did was to notify them that they must close and not open again. They saw that he meant just what he said and they took him at his word. The places were closed at once and have not yet re-opened. As soon as they do Mr. Sutton will raid them to a finish and there will be an old-time stir in that bustling village.

J. L. Jackson, lately with the Paramount-Southern company, has resigned from that store and accepted a position at the United Merchandise clothing store.

Col. John W. Carpenter, of Salem, is here today to look after business and take in the fair.

CHARGES FOREIGN BANKERS WITH CRIMINAL ASSAULT

CUMBERLAND DISTRICT CONFERENCE

MET HERE WEDNESDAY MORNING IN TRINITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, COLORED, ON BEN STREET.

Organization Perfected.—Address of Welcome by Rev. Beane.—Epworth League Convention is in Session.

The Cumberland district conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, colored, met at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning in Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, colored, on Ben street, this city.

Rev. L. W. Briggs, the presiding elder is in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the presiding elder and Rev. Virgil Carter, of Frostburg, Md.

Prof. I. C. Cabell had charge of the song service.

The conference organized by electing Rev. John M. Beane, of this city, secretary, and Rev. J. W. Lavatt, of Fairmont, and Miss Stella Cambrie, of this city, assistant secretaries.

Committees were then placed on examination, home mission work, Epworth League, Sunday school, program, finance and resolutions.

The address of welcome was delivered by Rev. J. M. Beane, pastor of the church here, and was responded to by Rev. J. W. Lavatt and the presiding elder.

The Epworth League convention is in session, with President I. C. Cabell in the chair.

The Epworth League annual sermon will be preached this evening at 7:30 by Rev. D. W. Shaw, D. D.

The afternoon program was as follows: 2 p. m.—Devotional exercises.

2:30 p. m.—Discussion, "Changes in the Department Opened," by Rev. J. Miller Beane.

3 p. m.—"Do our people Understand the Epworth League?" by Rev. Virgil Carter.

3:15 p. m.—The relation of the League to the Social World," by G. W. W. Jenkins.

3:45 p. m.—Song services.

The officers of the convention will be elected tonight.

MYSTERIOUS LETTER MAY MEAN A SUICIDE

AN UNFORTUNATE MAN WRITES A LETTER, TELLING OF HIS INTENTION TO DROWN HIMSELF IN ELK CREEK.

LETTER WAS FOUND HANGING ON A THORN BUSH ON CREEK BANK AND WAS TURNED OVER TO POLICEMAN FOX.

Officers Not Sure What to Do in the Case, Whether to Have the Creek and River Dredged or Not, to Recover the Body and Learn the Awful Truth.

There is more than a possibility that a man in a fit of despondency, such as often comes to the needy and friendless, has committed suicide here and ended his earthly woes. Elk creek may be the scene of his rash act, and its waters may yet give up the body.

A letter was found hanging on a thorn bush below the Cannon house in Glen Elk, which may reveal the fate of the unfortunate writer of it. The spot is lonely, the place is dreary, the waters are inviting to the heart-sick and low-spirited, the temptation to end one's mortal career under such circumstances is great, and the workings of the devil in that section are sufficient, under certain conditions, for the sore at heart and the forsaken of all mankind.

The letter was well penned and indicates that the writer was a person of considerable intelligence. It was found on the thorn bush, where it had evidently been placed with care with a view to its being observed by some passer-by. The one who found it handed it to Policeman Fox. He showed it to the police authorities and there have been many conjectures as to its real meaning, and especially as to whether or not the writer did actually end his mortal career

EMMA TOTH, ITALIAN WOMAN, MAKES A SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST C. ZARUBA AND J. DURSICH.

CLAIMS THEY ATTEMPTED CRIMINAL ASSAULT UPON HER WHILE IN THEIR BANKING ROOMS.

Men Are Foreigners and Conduct Banking and Trading Establishment in Glen Elk.—They Claim Action is Black-mailing Scheme on Part of Italians.

Emma Toth, an Italian woman about 27 years of age, living near Bridgeport, charges C. Zaruba and J. Dursich, proprietors of the foreigners' banking and trading establishment in the Elkbridge building on North Fourth street in Glen Elk, with attempted criminal assault.

Emma made the complaint before Magistrate S. W. Gordon Monday evening against the two bankers and warrants were issued against them. Emma charges that one day recently, during the month of August, she went into the banking establishment on business, and that when there the alleged assault was made. According to her statement, she claims she was enticed into the rear of the store room and that first one of the bankers attempted to assault her, and then the other.

She claims she violently resisted her assailant by striking and beating them and succeeded in protecting herself.

The warrants were placed in the hands of Constable McClung Monday evening. Zaruba and Dursich were placed under arrest. Tuesday morning they appeared before the magistrate for a hearing, but upon the grounds that they were not ready for trial, the case was postponed until next Monday morning. The men were placed under bonds for their appearance and were released from custody.

Emma cannot speak English and her complaint was made through Ignatius Edinger, another foreigner, who acted as interpreter.

Attorney C. B. Johnson appeared for the plaintiff and Attorney M. G. Sperry was counsel for the defense. The defense claims the action on the part of the Toth woman is a black-mailing scheme among some of the foreigners who have a grudge against the members of the banking firm.

by jumping into the waters of Elk creek. The letter is as follows, being dated August 22, 1903:

"This departure from this life, for my troubles are more than I can stand. Oh, God, be merciful to me, please. I have no work, no money and no friends. Here I am alone in this world. I will now look forward to a better land, hoping you will be merciful to me, for I am an unfortunate man and have been all my life. And I will not put an end to my troubles. Good-Bye."

The authorities have not yet definitely decided whether they will have the creek and river dredged or not to recover the body or to ascertain whether or not there has really been a suicide by the drowning route. They are inclined to treat the letter lightly and are somewhat of the belief that there is no significance to the letter.

DUNCAN BOUGHNER HOME ABOUT WELL

Recovering from a Long Siege of Typhoid Fever in Queen City of the Plains.

Duncan Boughner and mother, Mrs. Homer D. Boughner, have returned home from Denver, Colorado. Mr. Boughner is just recovering from a serious illness of typhoid fever. It will be remembered he went with the Christian Endeavor excursionists in July and was taken down with fever as soon as he arrived in Denver and spent the time in a hospital battling with fever instead of seeing and enjoying the many points of interest. He lay sick seven weeks and had a hard battle, but he has nearly recovered and his many friends are glad to see him among them again.